

of throwing doubt against the very art which he professes to practice is certainly guilty of a very foolish action, if nothing worse. Heaven knows, with the best we are able to do through the most sincere endeavor, we in our own hearts may yet find enough over which to criticize ourselves. So why in the name of common everyday intelligence should we seek to broadcast the possible shortcomings of our craft for the petty and puerile pap of a few minutes of self-shining in the eyes of some totally uninformed person with the light of an assumed brilliance which we seek to seem to possess? For even here there is a danger that, unless we are deadly sure of our ground, future events will prove that our brilliance was rather the *ignis fatuus*—fox fire of rotten misinformation, than something grounded on a full and true knowledge of the facts. And when that happens our little temporary illumination is very apt to go out.

And so as we have preached before, we are preaching again: Let's play the game as gentlemen. Let's develop an *esprit d'corps*—a sort of stick togetherness. Let's do the best we can with a full realization that we may make errors and mistakes, despite our sincerest efforts to avoid them, and that the other fellow may perchance do the same thing and eat his heart out in secret over them. Let's be broadminded enough to credit him with sincerity of endeavor the same as ourselves, rather than damn him for his errors, while speaking only of the successes which have crowned our own efforts. Let's have *sense* enough to know that every criticism of the work of another member of our profession, voiced in the ears of one who knows nothing of our work, its obstacles, difficulties and heartbreaking failures, and who judges us solely upon the basis of our end results, is a direct blow aimed at the very thing upon which the success and advancement of medicine as an art depends—at the average man's confidence—the trust, the faith he feels in the doctor. Criticism is of two sorts—constructive and destructive. Constructive criticism may build up, but gratuitous, undeserved or improperly grounded criticism *destroys*. The practice of medicine should be a "gentleman's game." Let's play it as such. Don't let's engage in this guerilla warfare of criticism behind the other fellow's back. That is the coward's trick.

Utah News—September 20 saw the resumption of meetings by the Holy Cross Clinical Association for the winter months. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Holy Cross Hospital with a good attendance, President Peterson presiding. Barnard and Pugh presented a case of endocarditis; Bailey, an interesting problem in diagnosis between actinomycosis and tularemia; and Minear, a case of perinephritic abscess. Meetings begin promptly at 8 o'clock and end about 9:30. Members are invited to present interesting cases and to invite friends.

During the past month F. M. McHugh and Mrs. McHugh returned from Europe, where the doctor has been pursuing a course of special work in his specialty during the past four months. Most of their time was spent in Vienna.

E. G. Hughes and family have gone to Long Beach, California. Doctor Hughes will study in the coast universities while away.

The Editor left October 4 for a trip in the East. While absent he will visit New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago. At the latter city he will attend the convention of the American College of Physical Therapy.

Utah still leads the United States in the per capita en-

rollment of medical men in the Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A. Now that October is upon us and the correspondence courses are once more being started, we would like to appeal to every reserve officer to sign up for one of these courses. The reserve can only be as good as the men composing it, and the man can only be as good as his knowledge permits. Fall in! Sign up! For information write Headquarters 104th Division, Vermont Building, Salt Lake.

Salt Lake County Medical Society (M. M. Critchlow, secretary)—A regular meeting of the Society was held at the Commercial Club, Salt Lake City, September 27, 1926, President F. H. Raley presiding. Fifty-six members and four visitors were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

F. F. Hatch presented a patient on whom he had operated for diverticulum of the bladder which had been present since infancy. The operation included transplantation of the ureter which ran into the diverticulum, and excellent result was obtained.

J. F. Sharp talked on "Extra Uterine Pregnancy." He described the etiology, pathology, symptoms, diagnosis before and after rupture, the differential diagnosis and the treatment. He illustrated his points with many examples from his own practice and gave a very interesting discussion of the résumé, which was discussed by H. S. Scott, Ray Woolsey, L. C. Stevenson, A. Lipkis, A. A. Kerr, and John Z. Brown.

C. J. Pearsall talked about eczema. He gave an excellent discussion of the various types and presented the diagnostic points between eczema and dermatitis venata, seborrheic dermatitis, infectious dermatitis, scabies, lichen planus, ringworm, syphilis, mycosis fungoides, periporosis, and psoriasis. Discussion by William L. Rich.

Applications of C. W. Countryman and E. P. Oldham were voted upon and both were elected to membership, twenty-six votes being cast.

Meeting of October 11, 1926—Held at the L. D. S. Salt Lake City, President Raley presiding. Fifty members and five visitors present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

The scientific program was arranged by the hospital staff. The cases were well worked up and very interesting. The following clinical cases were presented and discussed:

"Shotgun Wound of the Foot," John Z. Brown; "Possible Chronic Tularemia," H. T. Anderson; "Possible Substernal Goiter," Henry Raile; "Stone in the Bladder in a Patient with Congenital Heart Disease," F. A. Goeltz, G. G. Richards, and Doctor Leigh; "Possible Addison's Disease," Clark Young; "Probable Tuberculous Epididymitis," O. J. LaBarge.

Communication from H. T. Fischer regarding the tour of Dr. Franz Nagelschmidt of Berlin was read.

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Officers elected at the Twenty-third Annual Session of the State Medical Association were as follows:

President, W. L. Samuels, Reno; first vice-president, R. R. Craig, Tonopah; second vice-president, William H. Riley, Gold Hill; secretary-treasurer, Horace J. Brown, Reno. Trustee for two years, D. A. Turner, Reno. Trustee for one year, S. K. Morrison, Reno. Delegate to A. M. A., Horace J. Brown, Reno. Alternate, C. E. Piersall, Reno.

The minutes have not been received in time for publication in this issue, but will appear in the December number. Part at least of the papers presented at the meeting will be published during the coming months.